**READING ASSIGNMENT ITALY 1890-1945**

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**TERMS TO KNOW:**

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

General Questions:

1. Why did PM Giolliti invite the Fascists to join the coalition government?
2. How did economic problems lead to increased support for the Socialists?
3. How did economic problems lead to increased support for the Fascists?
4. How did the government change between June 1921 and August 1922? How did this period affect the legitimacy of Italian democracy?
5. How had Fascist power grown by October 1922? Give specific examples.
6. How did the Italian government respond to the actions and growing influence of the Fascists?
7. How did Socialist and labor actions in August 1922 benefit the Fascists?
8. What were the views of the traditional elite towards the Fascists as Mussolini maneuvered to gain power in Italy?
9. Why was there the belief, in Autumn 1922, that the Fascists were planning a violent take-over of government?
10. How did the government respond to this perception and how effective was the government’s response?
11. Was Mussolini’s March on Rome a real threat or a perceived threat? Why?
12. Why did the Italian government not declare martial law?
13. Why did the King ask Mussolini to form a government?

Paxton Related Questions

* If action was a key to fascist movements, how did the events of the Summer of 1922 in Italy support this claim?
* How did the events of October 1922 match Stages 2 & 3 of Paxton’s Five Stages of Fascism?
* Explain how the actions & events of October 1922 fit Paxton’s Stage 3?